A BOOKE

CONTAINING DIVERS SORTES

of hands, as well the Engliſh as French ſecretarie
with the Italian, Roman, Chancelry & court hands.
Alſo the true & iuſt proportiõ of the capitall Romãe

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suo obseruantisimo Thomas Vatrolerus Typographus,

S. D.

PARATA nunc primùm apud me in hac florentissima ciuitate Londinensi noua quadam typographia typis nouis, quæ bonorum iudicio vtilissima Reipub. futura est, non video cui par sit eius primitias potissimùm consecrare, quam tibi. Enim verò tu mihi, iam inde ex quo in hoc amplissimum Regnum relicta patria migraui, multos annos clemens fuisti dominus: tu mihi patronus es. Tibi igitur iure optimo, primos operis huius mei fructus offero, quos vt tua innata animo humanitate accipias, & me in clientelam semel admissum, vsque retineas, humillimè rogo. Vale, Londini, in nostra typographia apud Carmelitas, quarto Kalendas Ianuarias, Anno à partu Virginis 1569.

Tuæ celsitudinis humillimus seruus,
Thomas Vatrolerus.

RVLES MADE BY E. B. FOR his Children to learne to write bye.

To make cõmon yncke,

TO make common yncke of vvyne take a quarte,
T'vvo ounces of gomme, let that be a parte,
Fyue ounces of Galles of copres take three,
Longe ſtanding dooth make it better to be:
Yf wyne ye do want, rayne water is beſt,
And aſmuch ſtuffe as aboue at the leaſt:
Yf yncke be to thicke, put vinegre in:
For water dooth make the colour more dymme.

To make yncke inhaſt

In haſt, for a ſhift when ye haue great nede,
Take woll, or wollen to ſtand you in ſteede,
Whiche burnt in the fire the powder bette ſmale,
With vinegre, or water make yncke with all:

To keepe yncke longe.

Yf yncke ye deſire to keepe long in ſtore,
Put bay ſalte therein, and it will not hoare.

To make ſpecialblack yncke.

Yf that common yncke be not to your minde,
Some lampblacke thereto with gome water grinde:
Eche paynter can tell, howe yt ſhoulde be done,
The cleaner out of your penne it will roone:
The ſame to be put in horne or in leade,
No cotton at all, when longe yt hath ſtayde,
The bottom will thicke, put more common yncke.
And yt will be good well ſturred, as I thinke.

To make ſtanche graines,

Make ſtanche graine of allome beaten full ſmalle,
And twiſe aſmuche roſen beatten with all.
With that ina faire cloute knit verye thinne,
Rubb paper or parchment, or ye begyn.

To chuſe your quil

Take quill of a gooſe, that is ſome what rownde,
The third or fourth in wynge to be fownde:
And if at ſometyme of thoſe ye do wante,
Take pynyon as next, when Rauens quille is ſkante,
And ryue it iuſt in the backe, as maie bee.

For

For ragged your ſlitt ells ſhall ye ſee,
A middle the ſlype that rounes vpp the quill:
Weare it of gander ye doo yt not ſpill,
The feather ſhaue of the quille do not pare,
The ſtronger your penne in hande ye maye bere.

To make your penne.

Make clyfte without teeth your penne good, and hard:
Thinner, and ſhorter on right hand regarde:
The clyfte ſomewhat long, the nebb not to ſhorte,
Then take it in hand in moſt comlye ſorte.

To houlde your penne.

Your thoumbe on your penne as hieſt beſtowe,
The fore finger next, the middle belowe:
And holding it thus in moſt comely wyſe,
Your Body vpryght, ſtoupe not wyth your Heade:
Your Breaſt from the borde if that you be wyſe,
Leaſt that ye take hurte, when ye haue well fed.

To make a good penne knife.

Your Peneknife as ſtaye in leaft hand lett reſt,
The mettell to ſofte nor to hard is beſt:

To sharpe it maye be and so cut to faste,
If yt be to dull a shrewde turne for hast:
For whetstone harde, touch that is verie good,
Slate or shoo sowle is not ill but good.

Howe to set writinge.

Your Bodye vpright stoupe not with youre heade,
Your Brest from the bourde when you haue well fed:
Yncke alwayes good stoore on right hand to stand,
Browne Paper for great hast, elles box with sand:
Dypp Penne, and shake penne, and tooche Pennes for heare,
Wax quilles and penneknyfe see alwayes ye beare:
Who that his Paper dooth blurre or elles blott,
Yealdes me a slouen it falles hym by lotte:
In learnyng full slowe write at begynninge,
For greater is your losse, and small your wynninge,
If at the first tyme an ill touch, ye catche,
Use onely is cause of speedye dyspatche.

Howe to write faire,

To write verie faire your Penne lett be newe,
Dish dash long tale flye false writing escewe:
Neately, and clenlie your hand for to frame,

Stronge

Stronge ſtawked penne vſe beſt of a rauen.
And commelye to write, and gyue a good grace,
Leaue betwene eche woorde ſmale à letters ſpace,
That faire and ſeemelye your hand maye be redd.
Keepe euen your letters at foote, and at heade:
Wyth diſtaunce a lyke betweene letter and letter:
One out of others ſhowes muche the better.
Scholer to learne it maye doo you pleaſure,
To rule hym two lynes iuſt of a meaſure:
Thoſe two lynes betweene to write verie iuſt,
Not aboue or belowe write that he muſt:
The ſame to be don is beſt with blacke leade,
Whiche written betwene is clenſed with breade.
Your penne from your booke but ſeldom remoue.
To folowe ſtrang hand with drie penne firſt proue.
Manie one writeth the example lyeth bye,
Who ſo one the ſame dooth neuer ſet eye:
But he that will learne with ſpeede for to write,
To marke his example muſt haue delight,
Letter and tittle to make as the ſame,

So ſhall the ſcholler be voide of all blame.

Neceſſarie thinges belongyng to writing.

And one thing well marke your ſelf well to caſe,
That none but beſt handes maye alwaies beſt pleaſe:
Both farre of, and neare for faire handes do ſecke,
And them ſafe as gold, ſee that thone well keepe:
And neuer let reſt thy hand for to frame,
Vntill that thou write as faire as the ſame.
To writing belonges good thinges two or three,
As drawing, Painting, and eke geometree:
The whiche, I would wiſh eche, wight ſhould obteyne:
But ſurely to ſome it weare to greate payne.
So fare you now well with out booke well learne,
Theſe fewe [illegible] gyue, which are as the ſterne,
To Rule [illegible]ller, whiche doth hym bend,
To folowe [illegible]counſell ſo I make an end.

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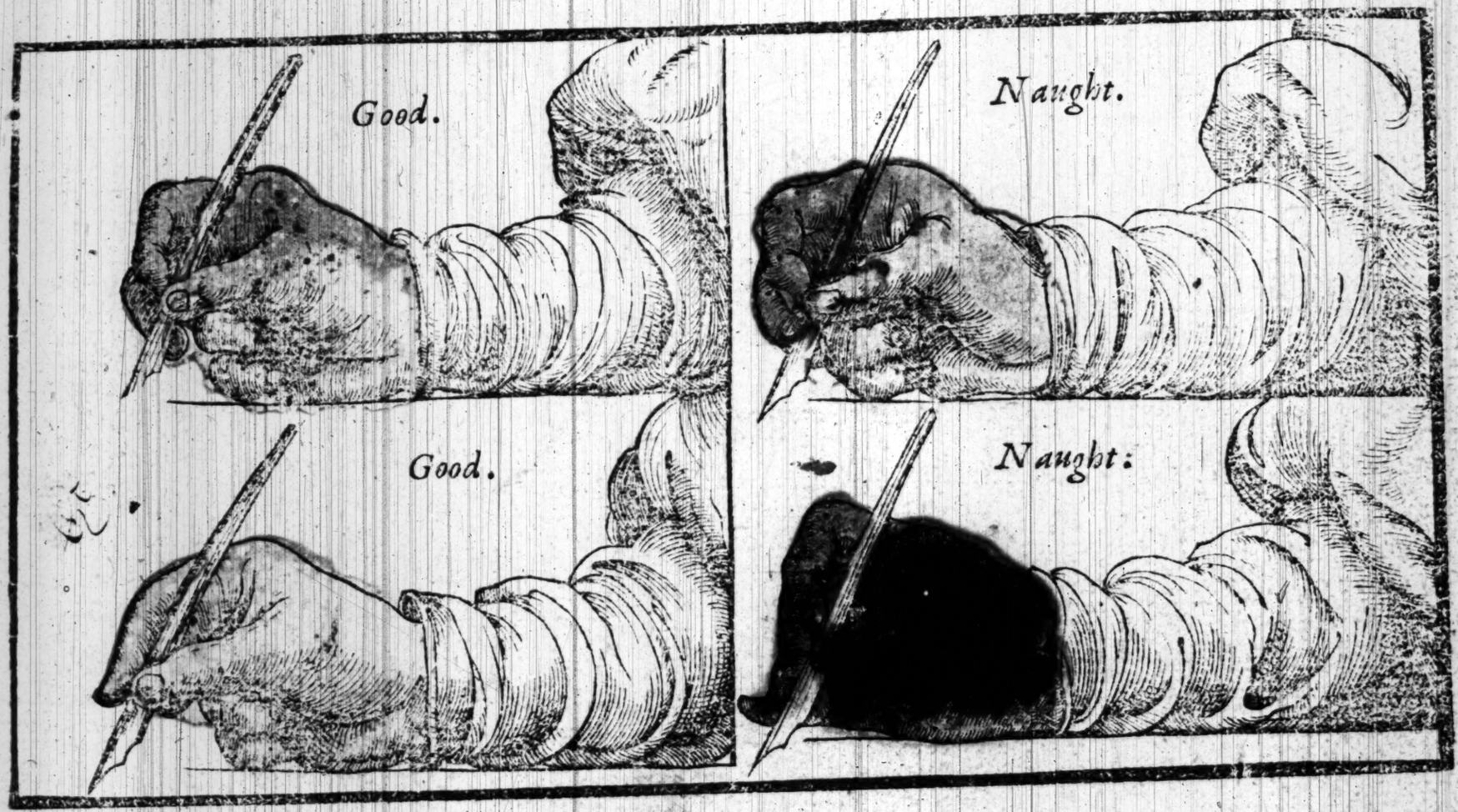
Howe you ought to hold your Penné.



Le secretario Alphabete.

Diligentia in omnibus rebus plurimum valet: hæc præcipuè colenda eſt nobis, hæc ſemper adhibenda, nihil eſt quod non hæc aſſequatur: qua una virtute omnes reliqꝫ virtutes continentur.

Bastard secretary

Blessed is that man that fyndeth a vertuouse wife, for the nombre of his dais shall be doble. A vertuouse woman is a noble and excellent gifte and there is no weight of golde to a mynde that can rule it selfe in prosperitie & aduersitie

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The texte hand.

All men are by nature equal, made all by one workman of like myre, & howesoeuer we deceaue our selues as dere vnto God is the poorest begger, as the moste pom pous Prince liuing in the worlde. Plato

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The secretary hand.

To nothing but that whiche is rightfull and iust: cleaue to the truthe.
Abstayne from wyte. geue place to your betters and elders, refrayn
from sextarimy, ymytate vertue, moderate your lust and affections,
prayse honest things, hate debate, be mercifull to the penitent alwaye

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A small bastard secretary.

ommyte not the gouuernaunce of the people to a childe, to a fole,
to a couuetoise manne, nor to hasty person that is desyrouse of xeue=
geaunce: but to the learned and prudent, being sobez, ready to gene
counsayle hauing good reporte being expette in all godly lawes.

Secretary.

Enter in at the straite gate, for wyde is the gate and brode is
the waie that leadeth to destruction: and many there be that go
in thereat But straite is the gate and narowe is the waie
whyche leadeth vnto life and fewe there be that finde that way

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Secretarye hande.

ene not that whiche is holy vnto dogge, neither caste ye
your pearles before swyne, leaste they treade them vnder
their feete. and the other turne agayne and all to rente you
dye and it shalbe geuen you. seke and ye shall fynd helpe

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The xctt chaunccry hande.

He deserueth great thastisement that with fearefull hardynes as a foole // deteriuyueth hymselfe in high and difficult thinges with hastie rouncett whiche // requireth long deteriuynacion to aduise.

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Italique hande

It is the part of a yonge man to reuerence his elders, and of suche to choose out the beste and moste commended whose counsayle and auctoritie hee maye leane vnto: For the vnskilfulneſse of tender yeares must by old mens experience, be ordered & gouern.

A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. R.

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The Secretarie hande

Carriage is vnto a wiseman a Jewell of gould and like an armelet vpon his righte arme, a foolyshe mannes foote is soone in his neighbours house, but one that hath experience shalbe ashamed at the person of the mighty, a folle will pepe in at the windowe into the house, but he that is well nourtured will stande without.

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Letter Numbers & Signatures.

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Lettre entrelacee.

Omber not thy self in the mul-
titude of the wicked, but re-
member that vengeance wil
not flacke.

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Lettre coupee.

Of all the giftes of God, wisedome is the most excellent. She geueth goodnes to the good, and forgiueth ye wicked their wickednes: She ordreth the minde, shee directeth the life, and ruleth the workes therof teaching what ought to be done, and what to be left vndone. Plato.

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Romaine letter.

Ouertie and ſhame is to him that refuſeth inſtructiõ:
But he that regardeth correction ſhalbe honoured.
A deſyre accompliſhed deliteth the Soule: but it is
an abomination to fooles to departe from euil doige.

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Italig Letter

uarell not with a mighty man, lest thou chaunce
to fall into his handes, and make not variaunce
with a riche man, lest he happen to bring vp
an hard quarell against th.

A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. J. K. L. M.
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A small secretary.

Reioyce not at the fall of thine enemy, neither
let thy herte be glad, whey as he stombleth, least the lorde whey he seeth
it be angry, and so turne his wrathe from him vnto the. Therfore if thy
enemy hunger geue him meate, and if he thyrst geue him drinke. &c.

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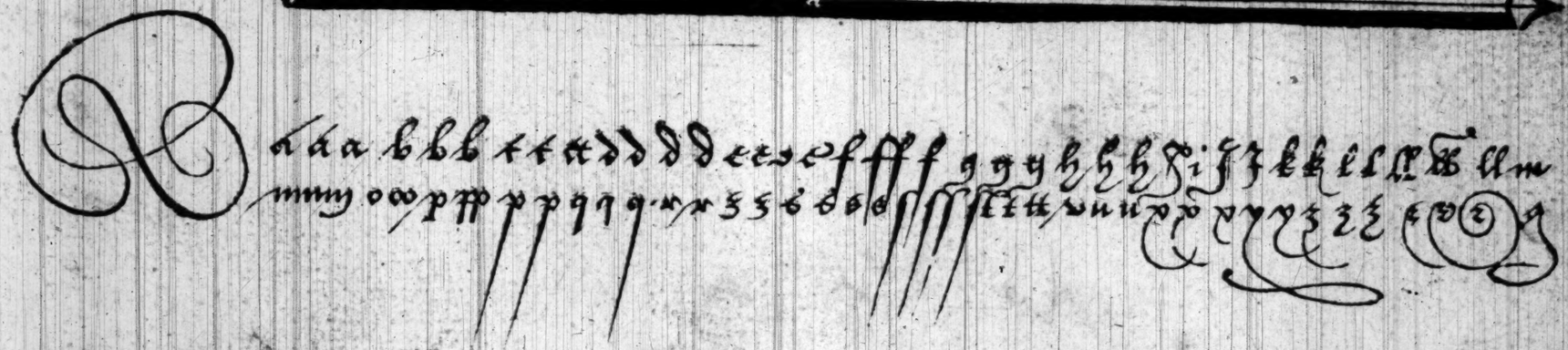
A small glosing Hand

O a wise man none euil maie happen. for he standeth vpright vnder euerie bourden: nothing maie apaire him, nothing may displease him that ought to be borne, for what so euer happen to may, he neuer complaineth that it hathe thamed vnto him. All thinge ought to be forthought on, and the mynde fortified mightely.



Romayn Hand

ine inordinathye taken, troubleth mans
reason, maketh dull vnderstanding, ob-
lieth remembraunce, sendeth in fantas-
nes, powreth in errours, and bringeth
forth sluggishnes.

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Lettre Patte.

Enocrates saithe Slepe not without repentaunce for thyse sinnes done and past: Repentance deserueth pardon. It is the duetye of a good manne and a pointe of humanitye, to forgeeue where ye partye, that is forgeeuen repentethe and is ashamed of his fault.

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The bastard Secretary.

If thow haddest the wisdome of Salomon, the bewtie of Absolon. the puissaunce of Sampson, the long lyfe of Enoch, the richesse of Cresus, the power of Octauian; what can all this auayle the, whan the body is dead &c.

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Lettre frizee.

Enophon saithe the loue of this vain and wicked worlde
maketh menne to doe manye thinges cōtrarie to the lawe
of theire conscience. For in them y loue the worlde, is
there little regarde of God: neither doth his lone abide in them

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Capitall Lrs.

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Lettere Piacevolle.

Demostene dice, che a nobili, & honesti huomini in prima si conviene la beltà del volto, & la moderazione dell'animo: & che queste due parti hanno bisogno di fortezza: & che l'altre dilicatezze, & lasciuie hanno grazia nell'herbe, & fiori.

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Lettre Francoyse parte.

Eusebe philosophe disoit que, estoit chose tresdifficille de congnoistre Dieu: ne pouuons dire en quelle maniere il est a comprendre: pource que nous ne sommes suffisans auec le corps d'exprimer vne chose sans corps. car la chose parfaicte ne peult estre exprimee par l'imparfaicte vne chose eternelle auec ce qui prend fin, n'a point de conuenance

Soustiens Verité, & parle franchement.

Soustiens la Verité, ne differe iamais,
Quand tu auras moyen, de faire tes biens faicts:
Mais refuse hardiment si toy le faict requiste
Ce qui ne soit ne bonne, ni honneste

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Ne fais chose dont tu te doiues repentir

Ie suy toy secret caché, & pour quelque apparence
Garde toy sagement d'en donner congnoissance
Car l'esprit est muable; & tel est toy amy
Lequel peut deuenir toy mortel ennemy

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The Bastard secretary.

Cireneo Theodoro quum Hysmachus rex crucem minare-
tur: istis quæso (inquit) ista horribilia minitare purpu-
ratis tuis. Theodori quidem interest, humiue aut subli-
me putrescat.

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A bastard secretary.

Et quę pena adijs immortalibus periuro, hęc mendacio
constituta est: non enim ex pactione verborum, quibus
iusiurandum comprehenditur, sed ex perfidia, ac malitia,
per quam insidię tenduntur alicui, Dij immortales irasci, ac
succendere consuerunt.

The capitall lettres.

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Omnis animi debilitata et humilis et fracta timiditas, seruitus est verum Cicero inquit, nequissimum illum esse seruum, cui mulier imperat; cui leges imponit, præscribit, iubet, uetat quod uidetur: qui nihil imperanti &c.

Small Lettres

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Anno Domini Mille quingentesimo septuagesimo.